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METHOD AND EQUIPMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, please delete "or 2".

Claim 5, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 1, 2, 3, and 4" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 6, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 1, 2, 3, and 4" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 7, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 1, 2, 3, and 4" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 11, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 8, 9 and 10" and substitute therefor --claim 8--.

Claim 15, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 12, 13, and 14" and substitute therefor --claim 12--.